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In re Application of
Robert T. McWethy
Serial No.: 10/098,729
Filed: March 15, 2002
For: RETRACTABLE NEEDLE MEDICAL :
DEVICE FOR INJECTING FLUID FROM A :
PRE-FILLED CARTRIDGE :

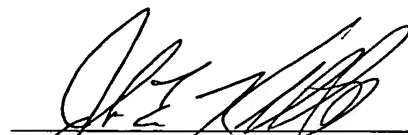
DECISION ON PETITION

This is in response to applicants' petition filed May 2, 2002, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c), based on the merits as it relates HIV/AIDS.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, X. Therefore the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact John Kittle by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 3700/2900, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 or by telephone at (703) 308-0873 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-3139.



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